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SUBJ: NEW ZEALAND AMBASSADOR'S COMMENTS ON KIRK VISIT

REF: JAKARTA 14629, 14715, 14743

SUMMARY: DCM CALLED ON NEW ZEALAND AMBASSADOR R JERMYN
DECEMBER 19 TO SEEK ASSESSMENT PRIME MINISTER KIRK'S
VISIT TO INDONESIA DECEMBER 13-18. JERMYN SAID VISIT WAS
A GREAT SUCCESS. IT WAS LARGELY "BRIDGE BUILDING,"
"FENCE-MENDING" MISSION, AND INDONESIANS MADE SPECIAL
EFFORT TO PROVIDE A WARM WELCOME. ACCORDING JERMYN,
SOUTH PACIFIC SUBREGIONAL ASSOCIATION CONCEPT DISCUSSED
DURING VISIT IS SEEN BY INDONESIANS IN PART AS POSSIBLE MEANS OF INFLU
ENCING AUSTRALIA TO GIVE AID TO IRIAN
JAYA (AND THUS AVOID TOO GREAT DISPARITY BETWEEN IRIAN
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AND PNG), AND GOI WOULD LIKE NEW ZEALAND TO USE
INFLUENCE TO THIS END. KIRK ID NOT RAISE POLITICAL

PRISONER QUESTION DURING VISIT. MALIK TOLD KIRK
THERE IS NO MOVEMENT IN SIGHT ON INDONESIAN RELATIONS
WITH CHINA. END SUMMARY

1. AMBASSADOR JERMYN SAID HIS GOVERNMENT WAS ESPECIALLY
PLEASED WITH WARMTH OF RECEPTION KIRK RECEIVED AND FELT
GOI PULLED OUT EXTRA STIPS TO DISPLAY FRIENDSHIP TOWARD
NEW ZEALAND. JERMYN DESCRIBED MAIN ASPECTS OF VIST
AS FOLLOWS:

2. PURPOSE OF TRIP WAS PRIMARILY TO DRAMATIZE NEW
ZEALAND LABOR GOVERNMENT'S NEW "ASIA-ORIENTED" FOREIGN
POLICY. KIRK'S EMPHASIS ON "FENCE-MENDING" ASPECT OF
VISIT WAS LARGELY FOR DMESITC POLITICAL CONSUMPTION
IN NEW ZEALAND. KIRK PLAYED THIS UP TO DISTINGUISH
HIS GOVERNMENT'S POLICIES FROM CONSERVATIVE PREDECESSOR'S,
ALTHOUGH IN FACT, INDONESIAN-NEW ZEALAND RELATIONS UNDER
CONSERVATIVES WERE CLOSE AND CORDIAL.

3. KIRK SUCCEEDED IN STRENGTHING AND REINFORCING
IMAGE OF NEW ZEALAND AMONG INDONESIANS AS SOLID AND
FRIENDLY NEIGHBORS TO INDONESIA. JERMYN COMMENTED
AT THIS POINT, APPARENTLY REFLECTING HIS AND PM KIRK'S
VIEWS, THAT GOI SEEMS TO SEE MUCH MORE CONTINUITY AND
STABILITY IN POLCIEES OF NZ GOVERNMENT TOWARD
ASIA AND INDONESIA THAN IS THE CASE WITH NEW AUSTRALIAN
GOVERNMENT. FOR THIS REASON, HE SAID, GOI TENDS TO
CONSIDER NZ POLICY AS MORE STABLE AND RELIABLE THAN
IS CASE WITH GOA. ALTHOUGH FIVE-POWER SECURITY
AGREEMENT WAS NOT MENTIONED IN CONVERSATIONS, GOI
HAS INDICATED IN PAST THAT IT APPRECIATES AND IS
REASSURED BY NEW ZEALAND'S DECISION (IN CONTRAST TO
AUSTRALIA'S) TO RETIAN BATALLION OF TROOPS IN
SINGAPORE UNDER FIVE-POWER ARRANGEMENT AS SYMBOLIC
GESTURE OF COMMITMENT TO REGIONAL STABILITY.

4. NEW ZEALAND ECONOMIC ASSITANCE TO INDONESIA WILL
INCREASE THREEFOLD TO APPROXIMATELY \$NZ4 MILLION IN
GRANT AID BY 1977. GOA IS PARTICULARLY INTERESTED
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IN NEW ZEALAND HELP IN DEVELOPING GOETHERMAL POWER
IN DIENG PLATEAU REGION, AND NEW ZEALAND WILL PROBABLY
EXPAND EXISTING PROGRAM IN THIS FIELD.

5. GOI DID NOT SEEK, DURING VISIT, ANY MAJOR MILITARY
AID--PERHAPS OUT OF AWARENESS OF LABOR PARTY OPPOSITION
TO ARMS AID. GOI DID EXPRESS INTEREST INHAVING
NEW ZEALAND PROVIDESJMALL, SELECTIVE TRAINING AN TOHER
ASSISTANCE TO INDONESIAN MILITARY, OR PROVISION OF
EQUIPMENT, IN AREAS UNRELATED TO COMBAT ACTIVITES

SUCH AS VOCATIONAL AND MANAGEMENT TRAINING AND
HOSING FOR RETIRED TROOPS. JERMYN SAID THERE WOULD
BE TEAM OF NZ OFFICIALS COMING TO INDONESIA AT FUTURE
UNSPECIFIED TIME TO EXPLORE THIS POSSIBILITY FURTHER.

6. SOUTH PACIFIC SUBREGIONAL ASSOCIATION CONCEPT
EMBRACING NEW ZEALAND, AUSTRALIA, PAUPA NEW GUINEA
AND INDONESIA WHICH CAME UP DURING CONVERSATIONS IS
SEEN BY NEW ZEALAND AND INDONESIA AS LOOSE CONSULTATIVE
GROUPING, WITHOUT CHARTER OR FORMAL STRUCTURE. IDEA
WAS ORIGINALLY CONCEIVED BY INDONESIANS--IN PART
BECAUSE GOI FEARS DISPARITY IN DEVELOPMENT BETWEEN
IRIAN JAYA AND PAUPA NEW GUINEA. SINCE LATTER WILL
CONTINUE TO RECEIVE SUBSTANTIAL AUSTRALIAN AID, GOI
WANTS NEW ZEALAND TO TAKE LEAD IN DEVELOPING CONSULTA-
TIONS BETWEEN THE FOUR COUNTRIES AND USE HER INFLUENCE
TO PERSUADE AUSTRALIA TO PROVIDE ASSISTANCE TO IRIAN
JAYA. NZ HAS, IN AFFECT, AGREED TO DO SO--BUT AT
PACE AND IN WAY WHICH FORESEES NO DRAMATIC OR
IMMEDIATE RESULTS. NEW ZEALAND HAS ALREADY AGREED
TO UNDERTAKE SAW MILL PROJECT IN IRIAN JAYA, WHICH
WILL BE FIRST BILATERAL AID PROJECT IN THAT INDONESIA
PROVINCE.

7. QUESTION OF LARGER PACIFIC ASSOCIATION INCLUDING
CHINA AND JAPAN WAS TOUCHED ONLY GENERALLY, AND TWO
SIDES MERELY RESTATED THEIR PREVIOUSLY-STAED POSITIONS
OF THIS SUBJECT.

8. AS FAR AS JERMYN KNEW(HE WAS NOT PRESENT FOR SUHARTO-
KIRK MEETING), KIRK DID NOT RAISE MATTER OF POLITICAL
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PRISNERS IN INDNESIA. JERMYN THOUGHT THIS WAS TO
AVOID RISK OF SPOILING EXTREMELY FRIENDLY ATMOSPHERE
SURROUNDING VISIT. HE ALSO SAID KIRK APPARENTLY DOES
NOT FEEL UNDER MUCH PRESSURE AT HOME ON THIS SUBJECT.

9. RE JAKARTA-PEKING RELATIONS, JERMYN SAID IT WAS
NOTABLE THAT MALIK (USUALLY GOI'S ACTIVIST ON THIS
SUBJECT) SIMPLY TOLD KIRK "THERE IS NO MOVEMENT IN
SIGHT AT THIS TIME."
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